

**MINUTES OF THE
EXECUTIVE OFFICES AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Tuesday, September 19, 2017 • 1:15 p.m. • 25 House Building

Members Present:

Sen. Daniel W. Thatcher, Senate Chair
Sen. Curtis S. Bramble
Sen. Margaret Dayton
Sen. Lincoln Fillmore
Sen. Jani Iwamoto
Sen. Peter C. Knudson
Sen. Ralph Okerlund
Rep. James A. Dunnigan
Rep. Brian M. Greene
Rep. Brian S. King
Rep. Tim Quinn

Rep. Angela Romero

Members Absent:

Rep. Eric K. Hutchings, House Chair
Rep. Bruce R. Cutler, House Vice Chair
Rep. Ken Ivory
Rep. Logan Wilde

Staff Present:

Mr. Gary R. Syphus, Fiscal Analyst
Mr. Alexander R. Wilson, Fiscal Analyst
Ms. Debbie Benson, Administrative Assistant
Karen C. Allred, Committee Secretary

Note: A copy of related materials and an audio recording of the meeting can be found at www.le.utah.gov.

Senate Chair Daniel Thatcher called the meeting to order at 1:39 p.m.

1. Call to Order/ Approval of Minutes

The minutes were not approved.

2. Juvenile Justice Reform: Status Report

Mr. Alex Wilson, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, informed the committee of how to find the meeting information on the website, explained a memo, and gave a status report on Juvenile Justice Reform.

2-Memo - EOCJ - Juvenile Justice Options/Recommendations - 9/19/17

2a-HB0239 - Juvenile Justice Amendments

2b-Fiscal Note - HB0239 - Juvenile Justice Amendments

2c-JJS Service Matrix Presentation 9-19-17

Rep. Angela Romero assumed the chair.

Mr. Ron Gordon, Director, Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice (CCJJ), gave an overview on the Juvenile Justice Oversight Committee, the efforts this committee has made to assist stakeholders, and the major provisions that took effect August 1, 2017.

Sen. Margaret Dayton and Rep. Brian King raised questions. Chair Thatcher offered clarification to the public and Mr. Gordon responded to the questions.

Chair Thatcher resumed the chair.

Chair Thatcher expressed concerns about the juvenile justice system relating to schools, with a response from Mr. Gordon.

Ms. Debbie Whitlock, Deputy Director, Juvenile Justice Services, explained the services and programs delivered by the Division of Juvenile Justice Services (JJS).

Rep. Romero assumed the chair.

Sen. Dayton asked questions concerning strengthening families. Ms. Whitlock responded and continued with her presentation.

Chair Thatcher resumed the Chair.

Rep. James Dunnigan raised questions concerning tracking of Juveniles, and Mr. Gordon responded.

3. Division of Juvenile Justice Services: Facility Status Report

Ms. Whitlock reported on the facilities provided throughout the State.

3-JJS Facility Update Presentation - 9/19/17

Rep. Dunnigan, Sen. Dayton, and Sen. Okerland raised questions. Ms. Whitlock responded and continued with her presentation.

Rep. Romero assumed the chair.

Mr. Craig Hall Sr., Chair, JJS, spoke concerning the Salt Lake Multi-Use Youth Center.

4. Sex Offender Treatment Program Audit

Mr. Gary Syphus, Fiscal Analyst, Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst, explained an audit of the Sex Offender Treatment Program.

4-A Performance Audit of the Sex Offender Treatment Program - April 2017

Mr. August Lehman, Auditor, Office of the Legislative Auditor General (OLAG), and Mr. Brian Dean, Auditor, OLAG, gave a presentation on the audit findings.

4a-Memo for EOCJ - Performance Audit of the Sex Offender Treatment Program

Sen. Ralph Okerlund, Rep. King, Chair Romero, Sen. Jani Iwamoto and Sen. Dayton, raised questions concerning the audit. Mr. Dean and Mr. Lehman responded.

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Mr. Mike Haddon, Deputy Director, Department of Corrections, and Dr. Victor Kersey, Institutional Programming Director, Department of Corrections, gave a presentation on the Department of Corrections response to the Sex Offender Treatment Program Audit.

Sen. Dayton asked if the Department of Corrections were unaware of the problems before the audit. Mr. Haddon responded, and Mr. Kersey continued with the presentation.

Sen. Thatcher, and Rep. King had comments and questions for the Department of Corrections concerning the audit. Mr. Haddon and Mr. Kersey responded.

MOTION: Sen. Dayton moved to adjourn. The motion passed with a vote of 5-0-11.

Yeas-5

Sen. M. Dayton
Sen. J. Iwamoto
Rep. B. King
Rep. A. Romero
Sen. D. Thatcher

Nays-0

Absent-11

Sen. C. Bramble
Rep. B. Cutler
Rep. J. Dunnigan
Sen. L. Fillmore
Rep. B. Greene
Rep. E. Hutchings
Rep. K. Ivory
Sen. P. Knudson
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Senate Chair Thatcher adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m.